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Title: Method and Apparatus for Evaluating the Design Quality of Network Nodes

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE  
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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the examiner dated, 9/1/04, rejecting the following claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, and 16.  
The fee for this Notice of Appeal is (37 CFR 1.17(b)) \$340.00.

**(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)**

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(X) (b) Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

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